PRESENT—*cont.*

Subrahmaniam Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Thomas, Mr. D.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venkataramayya, Rao Sahib Bodeti.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Watson, I.C.S., Mr. H. A
Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Chemudu.

I.—SWEARING IN OF A MEMBER.

The undermentioned new Member made the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown and took his seat :—

Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Opening of a secondary school for Muslim girls in Georgetown.

*232 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there has been a request to Government from various quarters for opening a secondary school for Muslim girls in Georgetown; and

(*b*) whether the Government have made provision for the opening of this school in the budget for 1931–32?

A.—(*a*) The request was made to Government.

(*b*) No.

Mr ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know from the hon. Minister for Education and Excise why the Government are not prepared to open the school in question?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"It is due to financial stringency."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know whether the Government have considered the question of how much it would cost to open the school?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"Oh, yes, they know how much the establishment of a school would cost, but they have not calculated the cost for this particular school."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know whether the hon. Minister can tell us how much approximately it would cost?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"I cannot say now. I want notice."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know whether the Minister is aware that there has been an insistent demand for a school for the last four or five years?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"I cannot say whether there was an insistent demand or not, but I know that there has been a demand."

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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"May I know whether the Minister proposes to meet the demand in the near future?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"As soon as finances permit; that is all I can say now."

Education facilities for Muslim community in Coimbatore.

* 233 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of elementary and secondary schools meant for the Muslim community in the municipality of Coimbatore;

(*b*) the number of such schools for Muslim girls in the same municipality;

(*c*) how many of them are maintained by the municipality, the Government and private bodies;

(*d*) the strength in each of the said schools;

(*e*) what progress has been made by the Muslim community in the matter of education in the Coimbatore municipality during the last decade; and

(*f*) what special facilities Government propose to afford to the Muslim community in the said municipality for the progress of education in their midst?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*)—

	Number of schools for Boys.	Number of schools for Girls.
Elementary schools	3	1
Secondary schools	Nil.	Nil.

(*c*)—

	Elementary schools for Boys.	Elementary schools for Girls.
Government management	Nil	Nil
Municipal management	Nil	1
Private management	3	Nil

(*d*)—

	Strength.
Municipal elementary school for girls	118
Schools under private management—	
(1) Showkathal Islam school for boys ...	46
(2) Mambal Kairath " ...	43
(3) Nagan street " ...	30

(*e*) The following statement shows the number and strength of the schools for Muslims in the municipality in 1920 and 1930. No other statistics are available :—

	Number of schools for Boys.	Number of schools for Girls.	Strength of schools for Boys.	Strength of schools for Girls.
1920 ...	...	1	...	79
1930 ..	3	1	119[a]	118

(*f*) No special facilities are in contemplation at present.

[a] There are also 168 Muhammadan boys studying in elementary schools not specially intended for them.